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#### A TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND DEMETRIO GUTIERREZ

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Raymond Demetrio Gutierrez, a wonderful man, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and great-grandfather, who also served his country bravely during World War II.

Mr. Gutierrez, of San Gabriel, California, was born December 22, 1926, and was 18 years old when he left his family to answer the call of duty to his country. He served as Seaman First Class on the USS *BonHomme Richard*, which joined the Pacific Fleet during World War II.

Raymond Gutierrez passed away on October 28, 2010, at the age of 83. His memory will live on through his wife of 57 years, Norma; his son, David; and daughter, Theresa. He was also blessed with five grandchildren—Aundrea, Valerie, Alissa, Kimber, and Michael—and a great-grandson, Ryan.

He is fondly remembered by his family as a man of great personal conviction, always putting his family first and treating everyone with great respect. A man of great humor, Raymond would never directly disclose his age but would instead pay it out in change. At age 83 he would say, "I am three quarters, one nickel, and three pennies."

He is affectionately remembered in a poem written by his granddaughter, Alissa Cano, for his 84th birthday, which I submit for the RECORD.

We are indebted to Mr. Gutierrez for his life of service and for the fine family and extraordinary example he leaves behind.

#### THREE QUARTERS, ONE NICKEL AND FOUR PENNIES

With weak legs, a feeble body and a sharp mind

Tata you've lived an exciting life, "one of a kind"

A mischievous child you always found trouble

From stories I've heard you were a lot to juggle

At one dime, one nickel and three pennies a navy man you were

Standing tall with pride aboard the Bon Homme Richard

Shortly after serving you settled down and tied the knot

And it wasn't long before you had a tinny little tot

A family man and hard worker with your hands

You still found time to venture out across the lands

Throughout many years the Gutierrez family grew in size

You became a storyteller and friend in your watchful granddaughter's eyes

We learned about Ferdinand loving flowers and Old Freddie Fewie

And we each earned our own nicknames like Sam, George & Lewie

At three quarters, one nickel and three Pennies

You're a great grandfather and one of Ryan's buddies

Your time has not come so keep your head high and stand a little taller

Because Tata I love you and want you to live for a dollar

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### THANK YOU TO KELLY WRIGHT OF FOX NEWS AND DR. LEE MORGAN OF GEORGETOWN VETERINARY HOSPITAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday, the 27th of November, Fox News aired a story about the Lee family and Lex, the wounded military working dog that was adopted by the Lee family.

Corporal Dustin Lee was Lex's handler and the Lees' son. A rocket-propelled grenade ended the life of Corporal Lee and also injured Lex by sending shrapnel into his back in 2007. Lex's pain has been so very severe over the past 3 years, and he has also had a hard time walking.

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Lex received adult canine stem cell therapy at Georgetown Veterinary Hospital, performed by Dr. Lee Morgan. Lex was released last Friday with much success.

I would like to thank Kelly Wright of the Fox News' show "Fox and Friends," for taking interest in this story and understanding the importance of war dogs in our military. Through his kind work, many people were touched by this heartwarming story.

I would also like to thank Dr. Lee Morgan of Georgetown Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Morgan volunteered much of his personal time to Lex, his recovery, and the Lee family. He was very kind and devoted to this cause and gave this dog and family the attention they deserve.

Many individuals and organizations have made it possible for Lex to receive this therapy by donating time and money to the cause. I would like to thank the Humane Society, the American Kennel Club, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Virginia, the Shoreline German Shepherd Dog Club, and the United States War Dogs Association.

Also, Marine General Mike Regner for his help in retiring this dog and making sure Lex was able to be a part of and placed with the Lee family.

Contributions came from all over the country, and I appreciate everyone who

donated. A dog handler currently stationed in Afghanistan sent a donation, which speaks to the importance of these dogs and to the appreciation our servicemembers have for them.

With that, Madam Speaker, I close by asking God to please bless our men and women in uniform, to bless the families of our men and women in uniform. And I ask God to continue to bless America.

#### TRIBUTE TO IKE SKELTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor IKE SKELTON, the Congressman who has been serving the Fourth District in the State of Missouri since 1976. I have had the great honor of working with Mr. SKELTON on the Armed Services Committee for my 14 years in Congress, and he will be leaving this body at the end of this year. And I think Ike simply embodies the best of Congress and the best of this country.

I remember I was traveling with him one time overseas to visit our troops, as he did relentlessly. And he was talking with someone from a foreign country about what the highest compliment was in America. And the highest compliment in America is, "You know, he's a good guy." And when you think of IKE SKELTON, that is the absolute least you think of him. He is absolutely a good guy to so many people.

When most of us get into Congress in the first place, it is a very, very confusing place. Thousands of issues come at you from thousands of directions. And the first thing I noticed about IKE is he always took the time, with every single one of us who came to his Armed Services Committee, to work with us and help us understand the process.

In part, he did that because that's just the kind of person he is. He cares about other people to a degree that is fairly well unprecedented. He takes care of other people and cares about them. But also he cares about the military, and he cares about the Armed Services Committee. He wants to make sure that Members understand how important service on that committee is, and he's worked with all of us.

He has done a fabulous job, certainly, representing the Fourth District of the State of Missouri, but more than that, he has done a fabulous job of representing our troops.

When IKE SKELTON talks about this body, that is the first thing that he talks about—our obligation as Members of Congress to make sure that we take care of the men and women who serve in our military and their families. I can honestly say there are a lot of Members of Congress who place that as a high priority. I don't think there is a single Member of Congress who places that as high a priority as IKE SKELTON does.